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## **ABSTRACT**

Systems, methodologies, media, and other embodiments associated with simulating a processor performance state by controlling a thermal management signal are described. One exemplary system embodiment includes a data structure for storing bit patterns that facilitate controlling a GPIO (General Purpose Input Output) block and addresses of locations to which the bit patterns can be written. The example system may also include a logic configured to receive a request to produce a performance state in a processor and to cause a frequency and voltage to be established in the processor in response to a thermal management signal being generated in response to writing the bit pattern(s) to the address(es).